UNDER A CLOUD

CLEARING HIMSELF. The Thrilling and Absorbing Story of a Great Crime.

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CHAPTER IX.-CONTINUED. Presently, a man who was buried in a ewspaper at some distance rose, stretched

imself, and approached He did not look at Childer, but paused with his back to him, and began humming a popular air. "Clipper!" he said, suddenly, ever his aboulders. It was the signal for which Lyman had

been waiting, yet he started visibly, while the gloom on his face deepened. "Ay, ay!" he returned. "You take your

se to make yourself known after calling me here."
"I wanted to get the cut of your jib.

man has to be keerful who he sociates with in a place like this." The fellow leered insolently as he said it. He had turned by this time and taken the

empty seat at the table, helping himself to the viands that had been placed there without being asked.
"If you've no idee of fillin' an empty capacity, I will," he remarked, complacently.
"Folks as comes here ginerally eats."

"Will you be kind enough to come at once your business with me!" 'All in good time, boss. Pleasure first, isiness afterwards. Which bein' the case, ebbe you kin tell me how the gentleman is as was waylaid t'other night!"

A sudden gleam shot through the gleom of Lyman Childre's countenance.
"It doesn't say much for you'd that is the best you can do." he answered, coolly. "The friend you inquire for will soon be able to call on you, and will, I have no doubt. You should have made a better job of it."

"Twasn't me made that try, boss. Ketch this kid nappin', will yer! But say! nickel I could tell you the two as diddo it over again, 'thout a mistake, if they had

CHAPTER X.

Af faint smile dawned on the lip of Lyman hilder. He looked straight back into his companion's eyes without speaking. It was the latter who began to twist and redden

'You're a regular gimblet to go through say somethin'! I don't like folks as takes it all out in thinkin'."

Shall I repeat your own elegant remark teach this kid napping! My friend, you did not send the message which brought me to this hole simply to make that proposi-tion to me. Keep yourself to the business which it will be "greatly to my advantage to heer," the last quoted a trifle scornfully from an ill-written and ill-spelled message rhich had been placed in his hands that

"Hush!" warned the other, with a glance around. "Don't you call names about the place here. There's no tellin' who might ar It. You ain't got no word about that "I have not."

Well, it's that I sent ito see you about I've got onto the track of the cove what corralled it. If you hire me for the job, I'll run him inter the ditch—I'll corner him o tight that lies can't save him."
"Another detective in the field, eh?" still

with that slight, mocking smile playing up-on his countenance. "It is upon the prin-ciple of 'set a thief to catch a thief' that you offer yourself, I suppose!"
"Look you, boss," said the man, impressively: "if you wor'n't with me you couldn't

say things like that here and get off scott free. Fur your own good, be a leetle quiet-er. An' now what do you say?' "When I have any anxiety about that

"When I have any anxiety about that package, I will let you know, Mr.—What shall I call you?"

"Tom Riddle is my name. Red Tom is a good enough handle for me."

"Well, then, Red Tom, I respectfully inform you that I have no need of your services. The regular detectives employed are

good enough for me."
"They're a thousand miles off from the
truth an' goin' furder. You'll never get
them'ere goods back through the detectives,

eir, unless somebody blows the scheme that was worked." Lyman looked at him inquiringly as if he expected him to say something more, but as nothing more came, he answered, quiet-

express company; they might have need of them, I have not. If that is the end and aim of your desire to see me, we may as well close our interview now."

Red Tom leaned toward him and dropped his voice even lower in its assured and con-fidential tone.

"Mebby you'd ruther hire me sot to track "Mebby you'd ruther hire me sot to track the papers an' the thief, boss. I'm as open to that sort of business as t'other. Think it over for a minit afore you say no." There was a change in Lyman Childer's

oe, try as he would to keep it impassive.
"What do you mean?" he asked, sharply.
"Jest this: I've heerd that you've come into a fortune, boss. Now, a posen them 'ere papers was meant to keep it away from you, s'pose it 'ud be a sight better fur you ney never got to you—it 'ud be worth the payin' a feller to let the business the, wouldn't it! Kind of a fortunit ing, that 'ere robbery, in sich a case, posen again that the feller who got them pers was all-fired mad when he found



RUTHER HEV ME NOT TO

rin be did about it. That 'ud explain any thirg you want to know, wouldn't it? We'll say that that's the way the thing

for came and went in Lyman's re was a livid line about his mouth,

"I don't know how you came into your cowledge of my affairs," he said. "It rould be no use to ask you. If you hold he papers you speak of they may have said you something, but I refuse to believe the party of the papers of the party of the said you accomplished to what you intimate.

"Were you speaking for your friend or yourself when you made me your first offer—on Bergman's account!"

Red Tom grianed. "I reckon either of us at be good far a job o' that kind. Tell to be good far a job o' that kind.

you, boss, it 'libe worth your while to take me up. You kin give me a retainin' fee-not here, I'll go outside with you. Than, if you wants me, you have only to send a let-ter in care of Mike Maleney, at this 'ere "You don't suppose I have much money

about me on a trip of this kind, do you! Here is a ten-dollar bill—you are welcome to it. You shall hear from me if I ever

have need of you."
"All right, boss. When kin I have your answer for my friend?" "When I see you again. Tell your friend not to build very high. I may not care to make terms with him."

There was a visitor awaiting Mr. Childer when he reached his home at a somewhat later hour—a visitor whom Carol had been entertaining, though she did not like the

"Hello, Childer: you take your time to getting around after business is over, it strikes me. Miss Carol tells me you have been playing the Good Samaritan, waiting on the sick. New role for you, isn't it? Looks as if it hadn' agreed with you,

of had a long walk after leaving Carolusiness. Is dinner waiting, sist' Carol slipped away to see, hoping their guest would not stay, but he did. He and Lyman appeared in the dining-room, chatting sociably. The latter had get rid of his

annoyance at first seeing Ingot, and exerted himself to be the agreeable host. They went into Lyman's room to enjoy a cigar when the meal was over.
"Cozy little crib," remarked Ingot. "You have things free; and easy here, but I sup-pose you'll be changing your style of living

and go for the high-and-mighty, more in the Everleigh style." "I shall not make any change, for a time, at least."
"West, I think that's the sensible plan. There's many a slip,' and dead folks are sometimes as contrary as living ones-found to have changed their minds at the last minute. Your affairs are settled past any chance for that, aren't they! By the way, was it this relative of yours who so lately shuffled off the mortal coil who left a

clear quarter of a million to his native State fout of regard for the laws which had protected him and his property for sixty odd "The same. But his lawyer advises us to be satisfied with what we have received

rather than to contest the will."
"Hem! He gets a slice under it, I sup But it's better than being left out alose. But it's better the Everleigh in that case, eh!"

"I don't know that there is a chance as The moodiness which had been banished from Lyman's brow clouded it again. He was thinking of that afternoon visit to the wounded ex-messenger, and of Miss Everleigh's undisguised interest in the latter. Ingot seemed to divine his thoughts.

"Oh, you're safe enough if you don't let Bergman cut you out. By the way, it's lucky for you I took a notion to your sister Carol instead of the charming Althea. Without being vain, I may say that I could block your little game there if I wished. It uits me very well as it is."

was there any thing hidden under the words to make Lyman Childer study him furtively and uneasily! The book-keeper was apparently unconscious of his scru-

"If I did not know I had burned Farrakor's letter to the last scrap, I should fea he had an inkling of that matter," thought "I wouldn't like him to get a hold on me.

CHAPTER XL

A LITTLE KEY.

A few days later Carol had a note from

ter a week's visit "Tell your brother I am not selfish enough to take you away without expecting him to spend the evenings with us," ranone clause of the missive, and Carol smiled knowingly to herself, thinking that this would make Lyman's consent certain, but much to her lismay, Lyman seemed to regard the plan

"We must not presume too much upon he goodness," he said. "I think, Carol, we had better keep to our own quiet life." "Now, brother Lyman, you don't think

any thing of the kind. At least I don't. What would be the use of good fortune coming to us if we were not to take the pleasure of it? It would disappoint you as much as me not to go, and you know it."

"Would it disappoint you, Caroll" asked Lyman, almost wistfully. "Well, in that case, go. Ill see as to myself." Carol was greeted most warmly by Miss Everleigh, and kept for a haif-hour's chat in the room which was to be hers during

her stay. Then they went down to the drawing-room, but Althea turned back at "Go in," she said. "You will find a

friend of yours there. Excuse me a mo ment, piease. I must lay out papa's dressing-gown and slippers. I really had no idea it was so late."

So Carol entered alone, and a young man who rose rather listlessly out of a deep lounging chair, flushed suddenly radiant in the genuiness of his surprise. "So, you are the expected visitor!" he

exclaimed. "How delightful! Do you know, I was half dreading the meeting with Althea's young lady friend, and felt in Sposen again that the feller who got them papers was all-fired mad when he found what they was—thought he was makin' a you probably know, and am very easily put big baul and found himself left. Naterally, he wants to know how to turn the thing to

"I can imagine," laughed Carol, mentally deciding that he was handsomer for the state of invalidism he had passed through. He told her that he had been gaining every day, and only submitted to Althen's de mands upon him because he had nothing definite in view-not that he felt the need

Still, it was proved that he was not averto petting, and the two girls vied in making the time pass pleasantly for him. Mr. Everleigh was well pleased at having the young man there; Norris caught his eyes on him now and then, with a speculative look in them, and the young man found himself blushing as he tried to decide what it mean!

"If it were not too presumptuous to sup-pose, I should say he thinks I am making love to Althea and is not averse to it; but then he would not be unkind to a coalheaver if she were to fancy him. Now, I know she is only kind to me as a sister is to a brother, but—but—I wish she did not

show it quite so much at all times."

This thought came when Carol began to draw away from them in the evenings. draw away from them in the evenings.

Norris thought he read a suspicion of something which did not please her in her looks;
and, in truth, Carel was disappointed that
Miss Everleigh manifested no great interest
in her brother as the days went by. Lyman had not avalled himself of his invitation, and when Carel made inquiries, Mr.
Everleigh reported him steeped in business,
taking more on his shoulders than there
was any need, in fact, yet it was evident

throw me out of the fortune. I should cortainly make a fight for it if such papers came up, but I don't believe in them. Tell me plainly what you are after—to paim off something of that sort on me for a consideration!"

"Now, boss, as a man of honor, you'd never want to see any thing of 'cm, you know. Tain't needful that you should believe in 'em. My friend's in no great hurry, an' you kin take your own time to think what you'd like to do fur him, but I'm out o' work jest now, an' I'd kind o' like to consider mysol't under hire to you."

"Were you speaking for your friend or "were you speaking for your friend or "were you speaking for your friend or "am sure we can't do better, nor, I think, "am sure we can't do better, nor, I think,"

said Norris, gratefully, then looked search-ingly at Childer in an effort to read his thoughts. The younger partner had a set smile on his face, but beneath it Norris fancied he could detect rejuctance and dislike, though what he and

what he said was mildly in favor of the of course will be satisfactory to me.



still there is no hurry. Bergman will hardly be in working trim before the first of the

"I feel well enough now, so far as that is concerned; but if I decide to accept your kind offer, I should prefer starting in at that time. I must pay Uncle Amos a visit meanwhile. He will not regard your offer as gratefully as I do, my dear sir, old friends

ough you are."
"No. I forgot to mention that he called on me to-day. The new bee in his bonnet is making a great buzz. He wants to go into the detective business now himself; says he would not interfere with your case, so came to me for employment. He wanted the details of my loss of a year ago, and thought that something might be saved to me yet. By the way, the police have con-firmation of the rumer that Edson is dead. The fellow was a rascal, and all but ruined me, yet I can't help feeling sorry for him. I've always believed there was a bolder villain back of him. I don't think it was in him to concoct and carry out that scheme alone. If you want work in the line that your uncle has laid down, Norris, there is that mystery for you to unravel. I dare say, if the truth ever comes to light, we will find that Edson benefited little by the money he took. I would give something to have the affair cleared up, if only to settle the morbid doubts that come to me sometimes. Being cheated once, I must go to times. Being cheated once, I miss go a fancying that I am at the mercy of thioves and traitors—another reason why I shall be glad to take you in, Norris. Supported by two such stout pillars as you and Lyman, I hope to get back my faith in human kind. Well, well; your Uncle Amos has his little eccentricities, but a kinder heart—an honester soul—God never put in a man's body. But come, now that every thing is settled, let us join the ladies. They will think we have deserted them."

Taking it for granted that every thing was lettied, he led the way out. It was not through any intention that Norris Bergman's eyes were fixed upon Childer during the greater part of this speech. Some change of expression caught his sigh first-a creeping pallor mounting under the dark skin and changing it to a dull, leaden hue, then a loos that was flashed at him of defiance, resistance, fear - Norris scarcely knew what -- before he sank his teeth sharp-

iy into his lip, and brought back the color to his face by sheer force of will. A cold shock ran over the nerves of the observer. His own eyes sank. A horrible suspicion went over him that Lyman Childer was the deeper villain behind the absconding cashier. The idea came and was dismissed in a moment, yet having been there it would come again.

Carol looked up at him invitingly as they entered the parlor, and taking the seat by her side, he soon forgot the unpleasant in pression the interview had given him. He felt that he could not entertain a doubt of any one near and dear to her, all the more that Lyman failed to send any scowling looks in their direction.

It was a perfect evening. Mr. Everleigh dozed in his chair, and the young people were left to their own devices. The clock striking eleven brought Lyman to his feet, and his sister followed him into the hall to help him on with his overcoat, and to see that his muffler was closely wrapped about

"For I can't have you taking cold while I am away, Lyman. Now, aren't you repaid for letting me come!"

"Tell me one thing, Carol, was it to you, or Miss Everleigh, he was making love to from the first?"

"I-I don't think it was to Althea," murmured Carol, with the red chasing into her cheeks, and Lyman faced the wintry night with a warmth about his heart which no wind could chill.

He had not gone a dozen yards when footsteps came up behind him, and a hand was laid roughly upon his arm.

"I've just got wind of what's up. Did you think you could go ahead with such business without ever taking me into considera-tion. I thought I gave you a pretty strong inkling of what I wanted, and you agreed to it. Now, by gum! we'll get it into plain words, and see how far I can depend on

"I think you are exciting yourself very needlessly. Ingot," returned Lyman, con-temptuously. "At any rate, don't raise a row on the street Come to your plain words; I am willing to hear them, though I don't recognize your right to take me to task in this manner, no matter what you The other restrained himself with an ef-

fort, and went on more quietly:

"You know, very well what my idea is regarding your sister Carol. She's the dalsy for me, and I won't have any one interfering with my chances. I dropped you a hint that I didn't want Bergman hanging around your house, and you as good as told me that you would do any thing but encourage him. I was fool enough to believe you, and now it seems that you find an easy way to get our of breaking your word. You don't enourof breaking your word. You don't encourage him, but you send her into the house where he is staying and keep your back turned till the mischief is done. Now, I ell you, I won't put up with any such

"I might ask, how are you going to help ourself, but there's no use quarreling where we don't really disagree. I give you my word, I did not know Bergman was there until to-night. If I had, I should have thought twice about letting her as."

Inget was only half appeared by this ex-

Everleigh reported him steeped in business, taking more on his shoulders than there was any need, in fact, yet it was evident that the senior partner was pleased at the enterprise of his young associate.

However, toward the end of the week he carre, and if he was annoyed at finding Norris there, he did not show it. The insevitable business was net out of his mind.

"I might believe that if it didn't smooth the way for you—give you an excuse to go as often as you like; you wouldn't care how much my fat is in the fire so your steak is all right; but I tell you, it's to be share and share alike with us. If I get Carol, you may have the fair Alihea; if I miss her, I'll sporyour fun just for spite."

Lyman made a gesture of impattered. "I might believe that if it didn't smooth

-The first half hour after the milk leaves the cow is what decides its ex-

-If milk is made it must get its value from the food, or robbery from the body of the cow herself, and that in the end is always dearly obtained milk.—Country Gentleman.
—It is generally the best cows that

are most liable to garget; and of course these are the cows to which one can best afford to give care and attention at the time of coming in .- Ohio Farmer. -The cost of feeding a two-gallon

ow, including her care, feed and labor, is not greatly different from a cow giving twice as much, and if the product of the former is sold at about fifty per cent, below top prices, the profits of dairying are indeed small.-Country Gentleman.

-Mr. Hoard says that those who know that pure lard keeps sweet without salt, ought to think a little before they conclude that it is the salt that keeps butter. Make butter as near to pure fat as possible, and all the salt it needs is enough to suit the palate of the consumer. -Rural New Yorker.

-While it is easy to get salt to dissolve in water that marks fifty degrees, on the other hand it is not so easy to get the surplus water out of butter at that temperature. The finishing touches should be given to butter at not less than sixty degrees, and then there is no trouble in getting out the unneeded moisture. - N. Y. Times.

-It is better for milk that has to be transported to be cooled down only a few degrees and this done by some form of reration, such as pouring or a similar process. As a rule, lowering the temperature of milk ten degrees by airing, will be far better than the use of ice and a low temperature, unless the lee can go on the journey with the milk.—Philadelphia Press.

-Water is rarely pure enough for the manufacture of the very best butter and no pond water, running stream or swamp ditch is free from myriads of hose germs which feed upon decaying organic matter in it. To examine a drop of water from any one of these sources through a cheap and simple microscope, would be a revelation to a dairyman of surpassing interest and value.-Prairie Farmer.

-Butter and cheese are articles that are for the consumer. We can not make a man eat a pound of indifferently made cheese to please us. It must please him. Then he buys, is delighted, and buys again. The article that disgusts him he refuses to buy again, and we must hunt up another customer, and that costs. The way is to make the best, and to do this the consumor must be consulted, and we give up making butter and choose by what methods suit us best, and find out the wishes of the other party and make for him-and get his money. -Jason Jones in Stockman.

FOOD FOR DAIRY COWS. Comparative Value of Hay and Oats, Corn

Hay and oats, admirable as they are, according to Prof. Long. rank among the dearest of stock foods, and the farmer can try other materials which will do the same work for a great deal less money, and it is to his advantage to do so if he has a knowledge of the properties of food, and can mix them for himself. Linseed, for example contains the fat which is so necess and in the cheapest form. Three pounds provides one pound of oilreally more than enough for a large ow-but it also contains some of th

ean and bread-like foods Corn-meal is one of the cheapest foods known if bought when cheap. It contains the bread of the rations with small quantities of the fat and the lean in addition; while cotton-cake contains large proportions of the lean or albuminous food and is the cheapest food of this kind which can be obtained. It also contains, ors hould contain, pure, a large percentage of oil or fat, so that a ten per cent. cake would provide a beast with half a pound of oil for every five pounds consumed. Beans and peas are also extremely valuable foods of the same nature, being extra rich in lean, which makes the lean of meat and the card of milk; but both foods are very

deficient in oil. Linseed cake is not so valuable as linseed, price for price, especially when the quality of the cake is unknown We know what we get with the pure linseed, but in the cake, as every one knows who has experience, all kinds of seeds are mixed, while the oil is so pressed that very little is allowed to remain. Cotton cake is cheaper than linseed, and contains more nourish ment; but it is more binding, and is more valuable for use with roots, grass, ensilage and Indian meal. If we mix two foods, we might take Indian meal or pea meal or cotton cake, o rice meal and bean meal. Linseed cake is not so well adapted for use with rice meal or Indian meal, because it is of singular nature, nor is it so good for use with turnips or mangels, unless for actual fattening purpe Now, cotton cake and maize are cheap foods when well bought, much cheaper than either oats, linseed cake or hay, and they go further.

The cotton cake has the inestimable advantage of being nearly as valuable after passing through the cattle as be-NEW YORK. fore consumption, so much is the man-FLOUR-State and Western GRAIN-Wheat-No. 1 hard red, No. 2 red Corn-No. 2 mixed, Cats-Mixed PORK-New Mess. 1 LARD-Western Steam ure enriched. We might, then, almost make our ration for milking cows onehalf pound linseed steamed in water three pounds of decorticated cotton cake and three pounds of Indian meal, CHICAGO. irrespective of the roots they will use. FLOUR-Wisconsin winter. GRAIN-Wheat-No. 2 red. If no hay, but plenty of roots and No. 2 Chicago Spring. Corn. No. 2 Oats No. 2 straw, the four to five pounds of the cake would be necessary. Bran is a PORK-Mess... LARD Steam. valuable food of similar nature to cot-BALTIMORE. ton cake, except that it is not so bind-FLOUR Family
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CATTLE - First quality
HOGS. ing, but it is, nevertheless, well adapted for use with Indian meal, which is a capital winter food, being very heating. We have stated that hay is the dearest of all foods. This is because INDIANAPOLIS it is necessary to consume so much of GRAIN-Wheat-No 2 red
Corn-Mixed.
Oats-Mixed.
LOUISVILLE it, in order to extract sufficient pourishment to maintain a large animal and to provide her with the means of FLOUR A No. 1
URAIN Wheat Na. 2 red....
Corn Mixed
Oats-Mixed anufacturing milk. - Holstein-Fric-

sian Register. -How can a left-handed mas expect to write right? THE POOL BETHESDA

It Has Been Discovered at Inst With Reasonable Certainty.

"We have generally an ann nent to make, but not often of so much importance as that of this day. It is the discovery of the Pool of Bethesda." So writes Mr. Walter Besant in the Qarterly Statement issued by the Palestine Exploration Fund. He is jubilant, as all Palestine enthusiasts are likely to be, that a vexed question in regard to a site is apparently settled forever. Bethesda is mentioned only by the fourth Evangelist. In the fifth chapter of his gospel, John says: "Now there

is at Jerusalem by the sheep market [or gate] a pool which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five The word translated porches." "pool" in the authorized version is given by some authorities as "swimming bath;" and the phrase "poel by the sheep market" is possibly better rendered "sheep pool." Eusebius explains the occasional red color of the water of this "sheep pool" as being a trace of the carcasses of shoop washed in it before sacrifice; hence the name There were, according to the Evangelist, five porches, or porticoes, around the pool. These, Dr. Geikle thinks, charity built for the accommodation of sufferers. It seems to us, however, equally probable that they formed part of the original scheme for the bath. Five porticoes would seem to imply a pentagonal structure; but this is by no means essential. A rectangular pool with a portico on every side, divided by one across the middle, would answer the description. "Bethesda" (a Hebrew

name which was probably invented by

St. John) may mean either "house of

mercy" or "the place of the pouring forth" [of water.] At the northeast of modern Jerusaem, close to St. Steven's Gate, stands the Church of St. Anne. At the time of the Crimean war it was a ruined mosque, but when the French came into possession of it they restored the church and handed it over to the Algerian monks. It is near this Church of St. Anne, and in connection with excavations made around it, that the real Pool of Bethesda has recently been discovered by Herr Conrad Schick. There is a courtyard to the northwest of the church, which leads through a newlyopened passage into another courtyard ome fifty-feet square. At the north of this latter courtyard there was at one time a small church. Beneath the floor of this sometime church are vaults, and through the floor of these vaults a cistern is reached, cut into the rock to a depth of thirty feet. This cistern is a portion of the original Pool of Bethesda There is still water in it, but it is difficult to say whence it comes. This, in brief, is Herr Schick's report of April

Since then further excavations have seen made, and he has prosecuted more extended inquiries. A twin pool has been discovered. Further examination will bring more details to light; but if may now fairly be assumed that the two pools, tanks, or cisterns thus discovered, really constituted the Pool of Hethesda, "having five porches," where Christ healed the paralytic of eight and thirty years' standing .- Pall Mall Ga-

-There are many young men who would give half their fortunes to have a dear, good sister, and yet when a sweet girl one of these young men wants to marry offers to be a sister to him he does not appreciate the strained relation. - N. O. Picayane.

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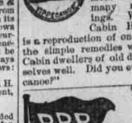
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